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\$15 MILLION IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS ALLOCATED TO STATES

Distribution of \$15,000,000 in Federal Aid funds for fish and wildlife restoration projects will be made to the 50 States July 1, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today. This is an increase of \$800,000 over a similar distribution a year ago.

Of the \$15,000,000 just allocated, \$12,000,000 is for wildlife restoration and \$3,000,000 is for sport fishery projects.

An additional apportionment for fish and wildlife projects will be made in the fall of 1965. The apportionments announced today will enable States with small reserve funds to finance their Federal Aid operations from July 1 until the final apportionment for the year is made in the fall, Secretary Udall said.

The fish and wildlife restoration funds come from Federal excise taxes collected from manufacturers, importers, and producers of certain types of hunting and fishing equipment.

Under the Federal Aid programs, States spend their own funds on approved projects and are then reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the cost. The laws establishing these programs also provide \$10,000 each for Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The total 1966 fiscal year apportionments for these areas are included in those announced today.

Distribution of the funds is based on the number of paid license holders in a State and the State area. The Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs are administered by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The attached table shows the distribution of funds that will be effective July 1.

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PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT FOR
FEDERAL AID IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION
FISCAL YEAR 1966

	<u>FISH</u>	<u>WILDLIFE</u>
Alabama	\$ 50,818.80	\$222,754.63
Alaska	148,500.00	598,500.00
Arizona	56,033.33	266,867.57
Arkansas	52,751.23	203,473.13
California	148,500.00	560,529.39
Colorado	70,895.21	308,661.07
Connecticut	29,700.00	59,850.00
Delaware	29,700.00	59,850.00
Florida	63,266.41	189,443.13
Georgia	64,593.73	218,619.31
Hawaii	29,700.00	59,850.00
Idaho	47,792.06	223,412.27
Illinois	75,717.37	300,068.44
Indiana	73,091.54	308,085.20
Iowa	52,880.93	231,292.94
Kansas	50,502.83	233,968.60
Kentucky	41,936.58	167,536.77
Louisiana	34,040.06	198,601.36
Maine	30,679.83	134,861.54
Maryland	29,700.00	84,693.19
Massachusetts	29,700.00	64,561.38
Michigan	105,883.81	441,900.95
Minnesota	139,934.78	341,556.80
Mississippi	42,652.98	187,630.61
Missouri	80,679.37	277,556.77
Montana	71,140.45	366,010.24
Nebraska	45,029.64	227,419.39
Nevada	44,209.53	231,664.06
New Hampshire	29,700.00	59,850.00
New Jersey	29,700.00	80,338.03
New Mexico	54,598.89	279,828.19
New York	77,464.97	376,125.69
North Carolina	47,071.23	256,486.57
North Dakota	31,012.60	168,852.41
Ohio	78,833.85	320,834.26
Oklahoma	61,795.14	214,924.81
Oregon	73,851.74	310,649.71
Pennsylvania	61,532.23	424,995.69
Rhode Island	29,700.00	59,850.00
South Carolina	35,108.15	134,796.65
South Dakota	41,264.44	237,295.64
Tennessee	67,945.97	247,008.81
Texas	148,500.00	598,500.00
Utah	46,892.15	240,860.51
Vermont	29,700.00	63,804.01
Virginia	41,384.25	215,746.10
Washington	56,505.49	255,188.36
West Virginia	29,700.00	123,892.72
Wisconsin	112,417.91	296,626.90
Wyoming	45,290.52	234,326.20